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HUNDREDS TO ATTEND LEGION SHOW

Industries Turn To Torrance As Ideal City For Factories

HYDE BUSY MEETING DEMAND

Industrial Executives Here in Person Inspecting Local Advantages
C. OF C. GETS UP SURVEY
Facilities Available in Torrance Impresses Seekers for Site

By THE OBSERVER

Concrete assurances that Torrance is destined to become one of the most flourishing industrial as well as residential centers in the Southland are daily coming to the attention of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, according to Carl L. Hyde, secretary.

Scarcely a day goes by without some direct communication with the chamber from some substantial industry contemplating the location of a factory in Los Angeles county.

During the past ten days representatives of several large industrial organizations have been here looking over the ground and obtaining facts with an eye to locating a factory here.

Mr. Hyde is preparing a comprehensive industrial survey which will include answers to every conceivable question that industrial executives would require before deciding on a location.

Mr. Hyde reports that factory executives who have investigated Torrance are impressed not only by the transportation facilities and other advantages for industries here, but also with the manner in which the city is laid out and being developed.

Few cities, and this is a point that impresses industrial site seekers, possess both available industrial acreage and residential advantages such as Torrance is able to offer.

Other cities which have industrial advantages are able to offer little or no attractive residential districts, and those which are beautiful residence cities have few industrial advantages.

Hyde is On Job
More and more the foresight of the late J. S. Torrance in making his plans for this city are brought home to Chamber of Commerce executives and committeemen who consult company representatives looking for sites.

Mr. Hyde is devoting considerable of his time to the work of interesting various industries in Torrance as the location for new factories, and the directors of the Chamber of Commerce who are most closely in touch with the results of this work are confident that direct results will soon be reported.

Society Hears Lecture About Old Cathedrals

Ladies' Aid Enjoys Illustrated Talk by Miss Ada Chase

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church enjoyed a rare treat Wednesday afternoon, when Miss Ada Chase, teacher of art in the high school, gave a talk on the English cathedrals, illustrated by slides that she had obtained in England from a man who had spent seven years in making them. Not only did Miss Chase show the cathedrals themselves, but also slides showing the carvings in detail.

Mrs. Ralph Crimmins sang several English ballads in her usual charming manner. These were also greatly enjoyed by the ladies. After the program a social time and delightful refreshments were enjoyed. The hostesses were Mesdames J. A. Young, G. L. Mowry, O. C. Steppy, and Cadwell.

Observations

Should Income Tax Data Be Made Public?—Certainly; The Reward of Truth—Ludendorff's Plea for Monarchy
By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

A STORM of violent proportions is sweeping through Washington. It is a blustering protest against publication of income tax payments. It comes chiefly from two sources: those who have large incomes and pay large taxes; and those who parade a show of wealth before their fellowmen only to have their false assumptions revealed by the broadcasting of the fact that their income taxes are small.

Strangely enough official Washington seems to incline toward the belief that income tax payments should be kept a secret. Such a stand seems entirely out of keeping with the spirit of Democracy. The government is a huge corporation in which every citizen is a stockholder. Facts concerning the government's finances are of interest to those stockholders and should not be withheld.

Income taxes are not private affairs. They represent a cash transaction between the government and individuals. The government is the people—at least it is supposed to be—and what concerns the government as an entity concerns every citizen who owes allegiance to the government.

No honest man should be ashamed to have his income tax payments made public.

And the dishonest should not be allowed to hide behind a cloak of official secrecy.

There seems to be an increasing tendency on the part of all nations to approach socialism by taking much from the wealthy and little from the poor, by graduating the income tax. "Make the Rich Pay" has been the ruling motive of every tax law enacted by all governments since the war.

Since this is the case, what can be the logical objection to publishing to the world the payments made by those whose incomes are large?

If Peter is disgruntled because he has to pay a tax of \$10, doesn't it appease his passions somewhat to learn that Paul, who lives in the big house up the street and who drives by in his limousine, had to pay \$5000?

It seems to us a splendid thing to have the public know that John D. Rockefeller paid so many hundreds of thousands to the government last year; and that Henry Ford contributed some several millions.

The citizen who pays a small tax, unwelcome as it may be, is a little more willing to stand his part when he sees before him convincing proof every year that those whose incomes are large are paying even more proportionately.

The more property a person acquires, the more bitter enemy of complete socialism he usually becomes. That's because all men are inherently a little or a lot selfish.

Publication of income tax payments, it seems to us, could be made into an effective weapon against Bolshevistic tendencies. Continued secrecy, on the other hand, might make recruits for Communism.

Other tax payments are public. Any man may ascertain how much his neighbor is paying on his house and lot, which is fair and just and according to the fundamentals on which this governmental structure was originally erected.

Why not keep the income tax payments public, as well? Wherein lies the difference?

There is no sense in denying the fact that fear of discovery keeps many men almost honest. The race has not yet reached the point at which mortals can safely trust one another. When that perfect state has been established we may do away with our police forces, attorneys, courts and laws. Until then we must continue to make men fear the consequences of dishonesty—and make income tax payments public.

THAT recalls an incident that illustrated as no other in my recollection does, the reward of honesty.

A man in Michigan in 1918 had an income of \$40,000. Just after making out his income tax report for the year and sending Uncle Sam his check he, together with his wife, was killed in a railroad wreck, leaving two small sons.

His heirs sued the government, which was then operating the railroad. Owing to the fact that this man was only 36 years old with many years of expectancy, the case was important, owing to the large income of the man.

The writer was a witness at the trial when it took place in the United States District Court of Buffalo.

Courts had ruled that income tax reports could not be used as evidence without the consent of the party making the report. The government attorneys were of the opinion that the income tax report of the man who had died would not show as large an income as was claimed by his heirs. They vaguely hinted at this fact several times before the jury.

Then the attorneys for the plaintiff sprang a surprise. They introduced a copy of the income tax report at the trial.

It revealed that the income in question was larger by several hundred dollars than they themselves had actually claimed.

Because this man had been meticulously honest in making out his return, because he had cut no corners, shaved no sums, his children were awarded damages of \$100,000, and the verdict, carried to the United States Court of Appeals, stood.

It pays to tell the truth.

GENERAL LUDENDORFF, former German war lord, launches an attack against the German Republic and pleads with his fellow-countrymen to re-establish the old monarchy.

All graduates from the old Prussian war school will agree with Ludendorff that Germany should return one of the Hohenzollerns to the throne. Not so the German people. If the war accomplished nothing else, it ridged Europe of the Prussian autocracy. That is worth something. Nor would the men and women of Germany ever sanction a return to the military aristocracy backed by an emperor. Disillusioned, they poured out their blood to satisfy the whim of Wilhelm. They would pour out more of it rather than permit the return to power of him or any of his ilk.

Ludendorff, like the royalists of France, pleads a lost cause. THE Palos Verdes golf links, which is now open for play, is without doubt among the finest in the United States. No course in the country has such natural advantages. None has greater beauty. And none has such expertly designed holes.

The aim of the golf architect is to lay out a links which rewards accuracy and penalizes poor shots. The Palos Verdes course does both to the nth degree.

There can be no doubt but that this new and wonderful course will soon attract to it one of the national championship contests. For it is fundamentally a championship course.

The advantages which this fine course brings to this district are incalculable. The harbor district now possesses the best golf links in the Southland, and one which rivals any other in the country. It should do much to popularize this district as a residential area.

These eighteen holes offer every conceivable variety of tee shot

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HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR INCOME TAX REFUND YET? IF NOT, READ THIS LIST

Scores of Torrance residents have received refunds from Uncle Sam on their income taxes. Still others are looking for their checks in every mail. Among these are several whose addresses Uncle Sam has not at hand.

The following Torrance residents are requested to notify the collector of internal revenue of their present addresses, so that refunds may be mailed to them:

Barnett, Archie.
Baskett, J. M.
Clifford, Dar.
Corbett, William.
Farmer, W. H.
Graff, Lester B.
Griffin, John.

Harold, Thomas R.
Hern, Russell.
Heisterman, H.
Houts, C. M.
Jenkins, Wellington N.
Kendall, William H.
Lambrigger, Alphonse.
Mann, H. L.
Meade, C. Nervin.
Miller, Joseph.
Mills, L. A.
McGuickin, Harold J.
Nicholson, E. R.
Olson, Oscar R.
Porter, Dinzal V.
Rasmussen, Peter.
Russell, John.
Stavrum, Edwin B.
Weibel, Leroy.

Effect of Proposed Highways On Torrance To Be Explained By Expert at Dinner Tonight

Charles H. Cheney, city planner, traffic expert and member of the Major Traffic Commission, will tell Torrance tonight of the boulevard development plans in Los Angeles, stressing the importance of projected improvements to this district and emphasizing east and west highways. The dinner-meeting will be at Guild hall at the Evangelical church, under the aus-

spices of the Torrance Progress Club.

Mr. Cheney is reputed to be as well acquainted with traffic requirements of the Southland as any man in Southern California. Dinner will be served at 6:30. The public is invited. Those who cannot attend the dinner are invited to the meeting, which will open about 7:15.

Several civic questions of especial interest in Torrance now will be discussed.

Ramona Wins Silver Trophy For Getting Out Large Vote

The Ramona Chamber of Commerce is winner of the \$100 voting cup offered by the California Development Association to the chamber which succeeded, through its efforts, in securing the highest percentage of votes at the last election.

Out of a possible 339 votes in the town, 318 were actually cast, giving record voting percentage of 93.8.

Close behind Ramona was the town of Hueneme, where 325 voted out of an eligible 348, or a percentage of 93.39. Yorba Linda was third with a percentage of 93.02, with 387 voting out of an eligible number of 418.

Ramona's showing is all the more marked when compared with the election of 1920, when only 71 per cent of the citizens in the town voted.

Explaining the absence of the 21

eligible voters who failed to show up at the polls, Miss Elizabeth Seay, secretary of the Ramona Chamber of Commerce, reports as follows:

"Of those not voting we found two under quarantine for scarlet fever, six sick in bed, six away on trips, and the rest unaccounted for. Some one else will win the cup, but we have made a good record."

J. C. Barkar, president of the Ramona Chamber of Commerce, attended the state dinner at the Palace hotel, last night and received the cup from the hands of Norman H. Sloane, general manager of the California Development Association.

Honorable mention is given the following towns for their successful efforts in getting out the vote: Oxnard, 90.5%; Azusa, 89.9%; Gustine, 89.8%; Canada, 89%; Willow Grove, 88.05%; San Pedro, 87.06%; Placentia, 87.3%.

Dancey Pleads For a Rebirth Of Patriotism

Captain Speaks to Merchants and at High School Auditorium

Arousing all of his listeners with an impassioned plea for patriotism, Capt. S. N. Dancey spoke twice in Torrance Tuesday, at noon before a special meeting of business men, and at a public gathering at the high school auditorium in the evening.

More than 300 attended the gathering at the auditorium, about half of those present being school students.

Both meetings were made possible by the action of the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion. The veterans, soliciting the co-operation of all civic organizations in Torrance, called the meetings for observance of National Education Week here.

At the noon meeting C. A. Paxman told the business men of the service contemplated by the recently organized Merchants Credit Association.

"The association," said Mr. Paxman, "is doing a splendid service for the public. In this community, as in others of Southern California, there are many newcomers. Many of these new residents are deserving of credit, but without an organization dedicated to credit service, it is difficult for them to open charge accounts with merchants.

Work Is Begun On New Church Building Here

Many Donate Labor and Cash for the Christian House of Worship

Work on the new Christian church building started Monday. J. A. Davidson is superintending the construction and W. W. Johnston is directing the finances.

Members of the church are making liberal subscriptions to the building funds and many who are not members are donating their cash or labor, according to Rev. Lingefelter. All who wish to donate, either by cash contributions or by working on the building, are invited to do so.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Fitzhugh left Thursday morning for a motor trip with friends to San Francisco, where they will visit with friends.

They also expect to witness the football game between Stanford and Berkeley Saturday.

The credit association is really a clearing house of credit, in which the public is promptly and courteously served."

Capt. Dancey aroused the business men to the necessity for applied patriotism and community service. At the evening meeting he lauded the spirit of democracy which makes possible free education for every child.

In Hot Water As He Plans Physical, Political Comeback



Two views of Franklin D. Roosevelt

By Central Press

WARM SPRINGS, Ga., Nov. 21.—Franklin D. Roosevelt is literally living in hot water in a bold and brave effort to "come back" both physically and politically.

This resort at this time of the year is not a place where one would expect to find a young millionaire, a prominent Democrat and a man of the world. It is a summer resort and the hotel is closed, the few cottages are deserted. But here Roosevelt is living in hot water. He spends many hours a day in a pool fed by warm springs with sources somewhere in the mountain that, through volcanic heat, are continually at 90 degrees.

"It will only be a matter of time till I can work again, I feel sure," he says. "My physician has told me that swimming, warm water and sun baths are all I need. I've only been here two weeks. My right leg hadn't been able to move for three years. I can use it a little now. The other is much better, too."

"I have to spend as much time as I can in the water," he explained. "I've turned fish-man. The doctors have a theory that exercise of all the muscles in swimming, steady warmth and sunshine will build up the nerves in my legs again. I don't think that the water of this pool has any miraculous healing powers, but it undoubtedly

possesses some medicinal properties."

Saw End Near
The collapse of Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1921 from an attack of paralysis was regarded by political writers at the time as calamitous to his career in public life.

The Republican landslide of 1920 had defeated him for vice-president as it had James M. Cox for president, but politically it was not a death blow. He was young—under 40.

Upstanding, handsome, vigorous, he had been an attractive figure in the last campaign. On him the gods had showered manifold blessings: an honored name, education at Harvard and Columbia, talents grown strong in the gentle field of wealth and culture, careful tutelage in politics, and a past entirely defensible from the platform. All in all, he was an asset to the party, a comer, a man of whom great things might be expected.

His admirers were stunned when word came that he had been stricken in the epidemic of infantile paralysis which swept New York state in 1921. He was ill for three weeks. In those three weeks he was transformed from a staid man in the prime of life to an almost helpless cripple. The disease had paralyzed both legs.

But now he's coming back, physically, and he's confident he can come back politically, too.

Legion Auxiliary Holds Anniversary Meeting Tuesday

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary met Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. F. W. Crossland, 1330 Eucalypta avenue, and celebrated the third anniversary of the birthday of the organization. The charter of the Auxiliary, beautifully lettered with the names of the charter members by Carl L. Hyde, was exhibited. After a business session members of the Auxiliary served Legionnaires with refreshments.

Special Services Will Be Held at Christian Church

There will be a special Thanksgiving program during the Bible school hour at the Christian church Sunday. The little tots will have their songs and pieces, in which we are reminded to be thankful to the Father for so much of the finer things of life. The orchestra will have a special number, and various members of the orchestra will have solos and duets. A special Thanksgiving offering will be taken.

Christian Church Women Will Hold Bazaar on Dec. 16

The Women's Council of the Christian church met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Wilfred Teal on Post avenue, where they decided to hold a bazaar at Huddleston's furniture store on Tuesday, Dec. 16. The bazaar will be featured by a grab bag and a novelty booth, in addition to the food and apron sale. Refreshments were served.

Cranks Car; Wrist Bones Are Broken

A. B. Wise, 823 Portola avenue, sustained a double fracture of the wrist Wednesday when he was cranking his automobile. Dr. A. J. Stephenson attended him.

Mrs. Charles Oxley and Mrs. Will Oxley, of Huntington Park, were shopping in Torrance Wednesday.

"When you hear the steamboat whistle Your paper is at the door."

SEAT SALE ON WITH RUSH

Musical Revue and Play Casts Are Rehearsing Every Day

TAKE SHOW TO COMPTON Will Play There Tuesday and Here Next Wednesday Night

"That the 'Studding Room Only' sign will be hung out at the Torrance theatre next Wednesday night when the American Legion's musical revue and play are staged was assured today when Legionnaires in charge of the seat sale reported several hundred tickets already disposed of to the public.

Casts for the musical revue and the play have been rehearsing daily for two weeks.

In addition to the play itself, which is particularly well adapted to presentation by amateurs, the musical revue promises to be one of the most entertaining ever staged here.

Besides vocal and instrumental numbers, there will be several acts of interpretative dancing and a chorus of Torrance girls. All of the talent has been recruited in Torrance and Miss Pearl Fishback, who is directing the play and revue, is enthusiastic over the prospects for an excellent show.

Next Tuesday night the play and revue will be staged at Compton under the auspices of the Torrance Legion post. Members of the Compton post witnessed a rehearsal of the performance Wednesday night and requested the cast to put on the play in the neighboring city.

Proceeds from the show will go into the Legion building fund. Plans for this new building, to be located on Carson street facing Cota avenue on land purchased by the Legion, include tennis, handball and roque courts, with special facilities for the Boy Scouts. Actual construction work on the building will start soon.

A list of several score patrons and patronesses of the show here next Wednesday night is being prepared by the Legionnaires.

Names of the members of the cast in the musical revue will be published next Tuesday.

Annual Dance Of Firemen To Attract Crowd

Enthusiastic Support Accorded Volunteers for Saturday Night Event

Everybody has promised to be careful that no fires will be started next Saturday night, when the annual ball of the Torrance firemen takes place at Moose hall.

However, the promises seem unnecessary, because almost everybody in Torrance is planning to attend the ball, according to the firemen, who have met with enthusiastic support for their annual social event.

It is so seldom that the firemen put on an event that requires the sale of tickets that the support accorded their annual ball is increasing each year, the people seeming to appreciate the fact that the Torrance volunteers are more than worthy of enthusiastic patronage.

More than that, the dance itself will be an attraction—what with the Torrance Syncoptors furnishing the music and just about everybody in the city planning to attend—so come on along.

Mrs. Q. J. Rowley and Miss Mattie Rowley, of Los Angeles, were at the J. M. Fitzhugh residence during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Fitzhugh, who are in San Francisco.